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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC DATA AND ORIENTATION OF NEW GOE CABINET
MINISTERS

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE CABINET ANNOUNCED BY THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT JANUARY 13 ONCE AGAIN REFLECTS A STRONGLY MILITARY CAST. OF THE 11 MINISTRY LEVEL MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, 8 ARE MILITARY OFFICERS (ONE RETIRED) AND ONLY 3 ARE CIVILIANS. THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF ONE CIVILIAN SINCE THE LAST MAJOR CABINET CHANGE WHICH FOLLOWED THE ABORTIVE SEPT 1, 1975 COUP ATTEMPT. THE NAVY, WHICH HAD LOST ITS ONLY MINISTRY SLOT FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER 1 HAS GAINED ONE POSITION (MINISTRY OF EDUCATION) WHILE THE TWO AIR FORCE OFFICERS NAMED FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER 1 (AGUIRRE - LABOR; MALDONADO - HEALTH) WERE TWO OF THE THREE MINISTERS HELD OVER. THE OTHER SURVIVOR IS RETIRED GENERAL ANDRES ARRATA MACIAS, MINISTER OF DEFENSE. MALDONADO IS THE ONLY MINISTER WHO HAS HELD HIS POSITION SINCE THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF GENERAL GUILLERMO RODRIGUEZ LARA ASSUMED POWER FEBRUARY 16, 1972. MOST OF THE NEW MINISTERS ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE MISSION. LOOKING AT THE NEW GROUP AS A WHOLE, IT APPEARS AT THIS TIME THAT THESE

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MINISTERS ARE SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY TO BE WELL DISPOSED WITH

RESPECT TO UNITED STATES INTERESTS THAN THE LAST. AN INITIAL ANALYSIS OF THE LIKELY EFFECT OF THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT WILL FOLLOW. BELOW ARE BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AND COMMENTS ON THE NEW MINISTER LEVEL MEMBERS OF THE GOE CABINET. END SUMMARY.

2. THE NEW MINISTERS OF THE CABINET ARE:

- A. MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT-COL. RICHELIEU LEVOYER ARTIEDA, ARMY;
- B. MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS-DR. ARMANDO PESANTES GARCIA (CIV);
- C. MINISTER OF FINANCE-CESAR ROBALINO GONZAGA (CIV);
- D. MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES-COL. RENE VARGAS PASSOS, ARMY;
- E. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE-COL. OLIVERIO VASCONEZ SALVADOR, ARMY;
- F. MINISTER OF EDUCATION-CAPT. RUBEN ANIBAL CARRILLO PAEZ, NAVY;
- G. MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS-GENERAL ANGEL POLIVIO VEGA MORA, ARMY;
- H. MINISTER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND INTEGRATION-GALO MONTANO (CIV).

3. CABINET MEMBERS CONTINUING ARE:

- A. MINISTER OF LABOR-COL. FRANCISCO ARUIRRE, AIR FORCE;
 - B. MINISTER OF HEALTH-COL. RAUL MALDONADO MEJIA, AIR FORCE;
 - C. MINISTER OF DEFENSE-RET. GENERAL ANDRES ARRATA, ARMY.
- BIO INFORMATION ON THE MINISTERS HELD OVER FROM THE RODRIGUEZ GOVERNMENT WAS PROVIDED IN 75 QUITO 6808.

4. MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT-COL. RICHELIEU LEVOYER ARTIEDA. LEVOYER ENTERS THE THEORETICAL NUMBER TWO POSITION WITHIN THE GOE AFTER SERVING THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS AS DIRECTOR OF THE ECUADOREAN ARMY'S WAR ACADEMY. HIS MILITARY CAREER BEGAN AS A CADET IN 1947 AT THE ECUADOREAN ARMY'S ELOY ALFARO MILITARY ACADEMY, GRADUATING AS A 2/LT IN 1951. HIS EARLY CAREER CONSISTED PRINCIPALLY OF ASSIGNMENTS TO ARTILLERY UNITS IN ECUADOR, BUT INTERWOVEN THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER AS AN ARTILLERY OFFICER ARE NUMEROUS TRAINING COURSES OUTSIDE OF ECUADOR AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT. HE RECEIVED TRAINING AT THE U.S. ARMY'S SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS IN THE CANAL ZONE IN THE EARLY 50'S AND AGAIN IN 1968. COURSES IN ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION WERE TAKEN IN COLOMBIA AND BRAZIL EARLY IN HIS CAREER. LEVOYER WAS A STUDENT AT THE WAR ACADEMY TWICE, A GRADUATE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE COLLEGE AND ECUADOR'S NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HIGHER LEARNING (INSTITUTO CONFIDENTIAL

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DE ALTOS ESTUDIOS NACIONALES IAEN), A COMBINATION OF THE U.S. SENIOR SERVICE COLLEGES, A PROFESSOR OF THE WAR ACADEMY, SCHOOL OF ARMS, AND DIRECTOR OF THE ECUADOREAN ARMY'S PERFECTIONIST SCHOOL. ADDITIONALLY HE WAS SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE ARTILLERY SCHOOL AND HIS ASSIGNMENT PRIOR TO DIRECTING THE WAR ACADEMY WAS SUB-SECRETARY OF INDUSTRIES FROM MAY 1973 TO MAY 1975. DURING HIS TENURE AS SUB-SECRETARY HE DID NOT DEMONSTRATE CAPABILITIES AS A STRONG DECISION

MAKER, NOR DID HE SEEM WELL INFORMED ABOUT RULES ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT. IN A PARTICULAR CASE, HE FAILED TO ACT DECISIVELY ON MATTERS CONCERNING AN AID LOAN FOR SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT.

5. PEVOYER WAS ALSO PART OF THE CLASS WITH COL REA (COMPTROLLER OF THE NATION) AND BRIGADIER GENERAL DURAN (COMMANDING GENERAL OF ECUADOREAN ARMY AND MEMBER OF RULING JUNTA IN ECUADOR) TO MAKE A U.S. TOUR IN 1969 VISITING MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN CALIFORNIA, OKLAHOMA, TEXAS, KANSAS AND NORTH CAROLINA AS A RESULT OF THEIR GRADUATING FROM THE WAR ACADEMY. HE IS MARRIED WITH SIX CHILDREN, FLUENT IN PORTUGUESE, AND FAIR IN ENGLISH. PEVOYER IS CONSIDERED A QUIET PERSON, WORKS QUITE HARD, AND IS CONSIDERED FRIENDLY TO THE U.S.

6. MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS-DR. ARMANDO PESANTES GARCIA. A CAREER DIPLOMAT, AT THE TIME OF HIS APPOINTMENT PESANTES WAS SERVING AS AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM, AND HAD THE LONGEST TENURE OF SERVICE OF ANY ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR. HE WAS

BORN IN QUITO ON NOVEMBER 6, 1915, AND HOLDS A DOCTORATE IN JURISPRUDENCE FROM QUITO'S CENTRAL UNIVERSITY. HE ALSO DID SECONDARY STUDIES IN FRANCE. PESANTES ENTERED THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1935 AND HAS SERVED IN NEW YORK, PERU, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND CENTRAL AMERICA. HE HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR TO PERU, BRAZIL, GUATEMALA, CANADA, BELGIUM, THE LOW COUNTRIES, AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. WITHIN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HE HAS SERVED AS CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND SUB-SECRETARY AND WAS ACTING MINISTER OF THREE MONTHS IN 1964.

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7. DUE TO HIS LENGTHY SERVICE OVERSEAS PESANTES IS NOT WELL KNOWN TO MEMBERS OF THE MISSION. EMBASSY FILES INDICATE THAT HE WAS WELL THOUGHT OF IN THE PAST BY MISSION OFFICERS AND THAT HE WAS PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN HIS ROLE AS CHIEF OF PROTOCOL. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE INFORMATION PESANTES WAS THE ONLY CABINET CHOICE IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTABLE TO ALL BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES AS HE IS VERY POPULAR WITH BOTH CIVILIANS AND MILITARY. PESANTES PLANS TO RETIRE IN FIVE OR SIX MONTHS AND WAS GIVEN THE JOB TO ENABLE HIM TO END HIS

CAREER AT THE TOP OF THE LADDER. PESANTES IS A LARGE MAN WHO IS INTELLIGENT, GOOD NATURED AND GREGARIOUS. HE IS MARRIED AND REPORTEDLY HAS AT LEAST FOUR CHILDREN, ONE OF THEM, MANUEL ARMANDO PESANTES GARCIA, IS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SUBSECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, AND HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL TO MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT THEY BELIEVE ARMANDO PESANTES' APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN MINISTER AUGURS WELL FOR BOTH THE MINISTRY AND OUR DEALINGS WITH IT. PESANTES SPEAKS FRENCH, PORTUGUESE AND ENGLISH.

8. MINISTER OF FINANCE AKFCESAR ROBALINO CONZAGA. ROBALINO WAS BORN AUGUST 2, 1936 IN GUAYAQUIL AND BEGAN HIS UNIVERSITY STUDIES THERE. HE TRANSFERRED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF QUITO FROM WHICH HE RECEIVED A DEGREE IN ECONOMICS. HE DID
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POST GRADUATE STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (1966-7) UNDER A SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE GOE'S NATIONAL PLANNING BOARD. HE IS MARRIED

AURA ELISA AGUIRRE DE ROBALINO.
ROBALINO HCS BUSINESS INTERESTS IN GUAYAQUIL THAT INCLUDE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN A CANNING FACTORY (IMSA METAL CANNING) AND A MUSICAL RECORDING COMPANY (FADESA). IN 1975 HE WAS UNDERSECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, A POSITION HE RESIGNED ON MAY 30, 1975, APPARENTLY TO RETURN TO HIS BUSINESS INTERESTS.

9. ON AUGUST 14, 1975, THE GOE ANNOUNCED ROBALINO'S APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES, COMMERCE AND INTEGRATION; LESS THAN 24 HOURS LATER, HOWEVER, HE ANNOUNCED THAT HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT, BECAUSE OF HIS HEAVY BUSINESS RESPONSIBILITIES IN GUAYAQUIL. WE HAVE RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT ROBALINO WAS ACTUALLY WILLING AND ANXIOUS TO ACCEPT THE MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT, AND THAT IT WAS BLOCKED BY RENE VARGAS, WHO HAD CLASHED STRONGLY WITH ROBALINO WHEN VARGAS WAS HEAD OF CEPE

AND ROBALINO SUBSECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES. ROBALINO, WHO IS REPUTEDLY EFFICIENT AND IMPATIENT, IN AN ARGUMENT WITH VARGAS MADE STATEMENTS CONSIDERED INSULTING TO ECUADOREAN MILITARY OFFICERS THAT WERE USED BY VARGAS TO CHANGE ROBALINO'S APPOINTMENT. THE TWO MEN ARE KNOWN TO DESPISE EACH OTHER. ROBALINO WAS VERY ACTIVE IN LEFTIST STUDENT POLITICS DURING HIS UNIVERSITY DAYS BUT IS NOW REGARDED AS VERY PRAGMATIC AND AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAYAQUIL BUSINESS INTERESTS. HE IS A BUSINESSMAN HIMSELF AND KNOWN TO BE THE PROTEGE OF ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL AND CONSERVATIVE BUSINESSMEN IN GUAYAQUIL. ROBALINO MAY STILL CARRY SOME NATIONALISTIC FEELINGS AND A SENSE OF THE NEED FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE FROM HIS STUDENT DAYS, BUT HE EVIDENTLY HAS MADE THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO WORK WITHIN THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM. THOSE WHO KNOW HIM SAY HE IS SURE TO DIFFER WITH VARGAS WITH RESPECT TO OVERLY STATIST POLICIES ON OIL AND THIS COULD BE WHY HE WAS SELECTED.

10. MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES-COL. RENE VARGAS PASSOS. VARGAS ASSUMED THE NUMBER ONE POSITION IN A MINISTRY IN WHICH HE SERVED, FIRST AS SUB-DIRECTOR, THEN DIRECTOR, OF CEPE, ECUADOR'S STATE-OWNED PETROLEUM COMPANY. AN ENGINEER BY TRAINING, VARGAS WAS BORN APRIL 13, 1932 AT CHONE IN MANABI
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PROVINCE. HE BEGAN HIS MILITARY CAREER AS A CADET IN 1949 AT ELOY ALFARO MILITARY ACADEMY IN QUITO FROM WHICH HE GRADUATED AS A SECOND LIEUTENANT IN 1953. HE HAS ALSO RECEIVED TRAINING IN ECUADOR'S ENGINEER TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND TOOK AN ADVANCED ENGINEER'S COURSE IN BRAZIL. HE STUDIED ENGINEERING AT THE U.S. ARMY'S SCHOOL OF AMERICAS IN THE CANAL ZONE. HIS EARLIER ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDED COMMANDER OF A JUNGLE COMPANY AND PROFESSOR AND LATER SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE ENGINEERING SCHOOL. HE WAS A STUDENT AT THE WAR ACADEMY AND IN 1950 PARTICIPATED IN A U.S. TOUR WITH AN ACADEMY CLASS. VARGAS IS MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH AND FAIR PORTUGUESE.

11. VARGAS IS CONSIDERED AN OPPORTUNISTIC, PROUD OFFICER WHO IS SELF-CENTERED AND SUPERFICIAL IN HIS PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS. HE REPLACES COL. JAIMES DUENAS AS MINISTER, THE MAN WHO FIRST APPOINTED HIM AS SUB-DIRECTOR OF CEPE, AFTER NUMEROUS REPORTS OF BAD FEELINGS BETWEEN THE TWO DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. HE HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING A LADIES' MAN.

12. APPOINTMENT OF COL. RENE VARGAS TO THE CRITICAL POSITION OF MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED DETRIMENTAL TO AMERICAN PETROLEUM COMPANIES OPERATING IN ECUADOR AND ULTIMATELY TO ECUADOR'S LONG-RUN PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION. A CONSTANT CRITIC OF AMERICAN PETROLEUM COMPANIES (ESPECIALLY TEXACO-

GULF) WHILE MANAGER OF THE ECUADOREAN STATE PETROLEUM CORPORATION (CEPE), VARGAS HAS TOLD LOCAL PETROLEUM EXECUTIVES THAT HE WOULD PREFER NON-AMERICAN SOURCES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. APPOINTMENT OF VARGAS IS ESPECIALLY POORLY TIMED IN LIGHT OF ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE MINISTRY AND TEXACO-GULF, OKC AND CAYMAN. THE UNANIMOUS OPINION OF SOURCES IN THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY IS THAT VARGAS' APPOINTMENT MAY BE DISASTROUS FOR SEVERAL PENDING INVESTMENT PROGRAMS. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW WITH A DISCRIMINATING REVIEW OF VARGAS' PREVIOUS POLICIES AND STATEMENTS.

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13. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE - COL. JOSE OLIVERIO VASCONEZ SALVADOR. VASCONEZ RETURNS TO ECUADOR FROM SANTIAGO, CHILE, AFTER SERVING THERE AS MILITARY ATTACHE FOR THE PAST SIXTEEN MONTHS. BORN ON 17 MARCH 1930 IN QUITO, COL. VASCONEZ BEGAN HIS MILITARY CAREER AS A CADET AT THE ECUADOREAN ARMY'S "WEST POINT." ELOY ALFARO IN 1946, GRADUATING AS A 2/LT IN 1950. HIS EARLY ASSIGNMENTS WERE TO INFANTRY UNITS OF THE ECUADOREAN ARMY, A TRAINING COURSE FROM THE U.S. ARMY'S SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS IN THE CANAL ZONE DURING 1955, AND

AS PROFESSOR AT THE ECUADOREAN ARMY'S INFANTRY SCHOOL. HE SERVED AS MILITARY GOVERNOR OF THE TUNGURAHUA PROVINCE DURING 1963-64, AND THEN WAS ASSIGNED AS COMMANDER OF AN INFANTRY BATTALION FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR AND A HALF. VASCONEZ RETURNED TO THE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT IN LATE 1966, FIRST AS A STUDENT AT THE WAR ACADEMY, AND BY 1969 WAS NAMED AS SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE ELOY ALFARO MILITARY ACADEMY. DURING HIS STUDIES AT THE WAR ACADEMY HE PARTICIPATED IN A TOUR OF THE U.S., VISITING MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN TEXAS, OKLAHOMA, KANSAS, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND GEORGIA. IN AUGUST 1972 HE WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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APPOINTED AS SUB-SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND PRODUCTION AND SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY UNTIL HIS ASSIGNMENT AS ATTACHE TO CHILE.

14. VASCONEZ IS MARRIED WITH SIX CHILDREN, AND DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. HE HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE WITH MISSION OFFICERS IN THE PAST BUT HAS NOT DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING ABILITY OR COMPETENCE.

15. MINISTER OF EDUCATION - CAPT. RUBEN ANIBAL CARILLO PAEZ. CARILLO IS THE SECOND MILITARY OFFICER TO LEAVE THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF A MILITARY ACADEMY (LEVOYER, MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT) TO TAKE A MINISTER'S POSITION IN THE GOE. HIS EARLY EDUCATION AND MILITARY CAREER BEGAN IN THE MILITARY SCHOOL OF CADETS, BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, AND THE NAVAL SCHOOL, CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA. HE GRADUATED, HOWEVER, FROM THE ECUADOREAN NAVAL ACADEMY IN 1957. OTHER STUDIES INCLUDE COURSES AT NEWPORT, AND THE NAVY WAR ACADEMY IN GUAYAQUIL. HIS EARLY ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDED COMMANDER OF PATROL CRAFT, LANDING SHIPS AND A DESTROYER ESCORT. CARILLO SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE SPECIALIST SCHOOL OF THE ECUADOREAN NAVY, CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE DIRECTORY OF PERSONNEL, AND PROFESSOR AND SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE NAVAL WAR ACADEMY. HE HAS SERVED SEVERAL TOURS AS ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON (1961-63, 1969), TRAVELED IN EUROPE (SWITZERLAND, HOLLAND, AND U.K. 1956; FRANCE, SPAIN AND BELGIUM 1972) AND JAPAN, MEXICO, PANAMA AND CHILE IN 1973.

16. BORN IN QUITO, 11 AUGUST 1934 CARILLO IS MARRIED AND SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH. HE IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY HIS FELLOW OFFICERS AND IS CONSIDERED A DILIGENT, HARD-WORKING SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER. ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT PARTICULARLY WELL KNOWN TO MISSION OFFICERS HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN COOPERATIVE AND FRIENDLY TOWARD THEM.

17. MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS - GEN. ANGEL POLIVIO VEGA MORA. VEGA IS THE OLDEST OF THE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY OFFICERS TO FILL A CABINET POSITION IN THE GOE, BORN IN EL CISNE,

17 OCTOBER 1922. HIS COMMISSION IS FROM THE ECUADOREAN ARMY ACADEMY, ELOY ALFARO IN 1947. AN ENGINEER BY TRAINING, VEGA HAS SPENT THE MAJORITY OF HIS MILITARY CAREER IN ENGINEERING
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WESIGNMENTS. HE HAS BEEN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PROFESSOR, AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ECUADOREAN ARMY'S TECHNICAL ENGINEERING SCHOOL, COMMANDER OF AN ENGINEERING BATTALION, AND CHIEF OF ENGINEERS. VEGA SPENT TWO TOURS WITH THE MILITARY GEOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE, THE SECOND TOUR AS ITS DIRECTOR (DURING 1971-73). HE ATTENDED AN ENGINEERING OFFICER'S COURSE AT THE U.S. ARMY'S SCHOOL OF THEE AMERICAS, CANAL ZONE IN 1958, AND IS A GRADUATE OF THE ECUADOREAN ARMY WAR ACADEMY AND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HIGHER LEARNING (ECUADOR'S NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE). HIS LATEST ASSIGNMENTS PRIOR TO ASSUMING THE NUMBER ONE POSITION IN THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS WERE AS CHIEF OF THE 1ST MILITARY ZONE (QUITO) CONCURRENTLY COMMANDER OF THE VII INFANTRY BRIGADE AND THE 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION. VEGA IS NOW VACATING THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE JOINT STAFF.

18. VEGA MORA IS CONSIDERED INTELLIGENT AND A GOOD ADMINIS-TRATOR, ESPECIALLY IN FISCAL MATTERS, BY U.S. PERSONNEL WHO WORKED WITH HIM IN THE MILITAYY GEOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE. HE IS MARRIED WITH FOUR CHILDREN, AND SPEAKS FAIR ENGLISH. VEGA CLAIMS NO POLITICAL AFFILIATION AND IS FRIENDLY TO THE U.S.

19. MINISTER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND INTEGRATION - GALO MONTANO. BORN AUGUST 3, 1928, IN QUITO, MONTANO ATTENDED THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNICAL INSTITUT78, 17859 (1947-53), RECEIVING A DEGREE IN ENGINEERING. HE REPORTEDLY THEN ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS FOR STUDIES IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND MAY LATER ALSO HAVE TAKEN COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS. IN 1962 HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF CENDES (THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF ECUADOR) AND AT SOME TIME WAS ALSO A PROFESSOR AT THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNICAL INSTITUTE. IN 1968 HE WAS TECHNICAL VICE PRESIDENT OF COFIEC (A PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT BANK). MONTANO RAN UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR ELECTION AS A DEPUTY IN THE 1968 ELECTIONS, AFFILIATED WITH THE RIGHTIST ARNE PARTY. SOMETIME AFTERWARD HE BECAME A TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO THE ANDEAN PACT ORGANIZATION, AND IN THIS CAPACITY HE RESIDED IN LIMA UNTIL 1974 OR 1975. UPON HIS RETURN TO QUITO, HE BECAME AN EXECUTIVE OF PROCONSULT, A PRIVATE CONSULTING COMPANY. HE IS CONDIDERED AN EXPERT IN THE FIELD OF PETROCHEMICALS AND FOR SOME TIME HAS BEEN ADVISING THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES, COMMERCE AND INTEGRATION, --
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HIS FRIEND AND NOW HIS PREDECESSOR, DANILO CARRERA -- ON HOW TO PROCEED TO IMPLEMENT THE PETROCHEMICALS INDUSTRIES ASSIGNED TO ECUADOR UNDER THE ANDEAN PACT. MONTANO IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER MARIA HUERTA.

20. MONTANO, A MAN OF SHORT STATURE, APPEARS TO HAVE CONSIDERABLE ANDEAN INDIAN ANCESTRY. HE IS PERSONABLE AND ACCESSIBLE. HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, AND HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE WITH USG PERSONNEL. (WHILE IN LIMA, HE WAS A CLOSE CONTACT FOR EMBASSY LIMA'S REGIONAL ANDEAN AFFAIRS OFFICER, ROBERT FULLMER, WHO VERY RECENTLY DEPARTED LIMA FOR TRANSFER TO ROCAP IN GUATEMALA, AND WHO IS NOW ON HOME LEAVE; WE SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONTACT FULLMER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON MONTANO, AND WE REQUEST THAT ANY INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY FULLMER BE RELAYED TO EMBASSY, QUITO.) MONTANO ENJOYS A FAVORABLE REPUTATION IN THE QUITO BUSINESS COMMUNITY, BUT WE HAVE REPORTS THAT SOME GUAYAQUIL ENTREPRENEURS WHILE REGARDING HIM AS CORRECTLY ORIENTED FEAR THAT HE MAY BE A KIKUYO (THE ECUADOREAN TERM OF OPPROBRIUM FOR AN OVERLY BUREAUCRATIC TECHNOCRAT).
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